



License Agent News



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2010 SPORT FISHING ITEMS

Consignment Accounts

Initial shipments of 2010 sport fishing items will be shipped the beginning of December 2009. Your initial consignment is based on your reported sales from the prior year.

Collect on Delivery (COD) Accounts

Enclosed is a License Agent Order Form to order your 2010 sport fishing items. You may submit your order at any time. These orders will be filled in mid-December.

Furlough & Holiday Schedule

Pursuant to Governor's Executive Order S-13-09, all State offices will be closed on the first, second and third Fridays of each month. For the month of January 2010, all State offices will be closed on the second, third and fourth Fridays. State offices will be closed for the following holidays:

November 26, 2009	November 27, 2009	December 25, 2009
January 1, 2010	January 18, 2010	February 15, 2010
March 31, 2010	May 31, 2010	July 5, 2010
September 6, 2010	November 11, 2010	November 25, 2010
November 26, 2010		

Please plan accordingly and allow a minimum of 15 business days for delivery of a license order.

Start Selling Immediately

Once your order of 2010 sport fishing items is verified, please start selling to your customers immediately. 2010 sport fishing items are not valid for use until January 1, 2010, but may be purchased in advance. Licenses are often purchased as holiday gifts during this time of year. Please make sure to ask customers when they plan to fish to ensure they are properly licensed. 2009 sport fishing items are valid through December 31, 2009. Please keep a sufficient stock of 2009 license items on hand to satisfy customer demand for the remainder of the year.

Automated License Data System

The DFG is pleased to announce that 2010 will be the year of the much anticipated new licensing system known as the Automated License Data System (ALDS) is implemented. This effort will include the phasing out of the current paper licenses and the implementation of new set of business rules and requirements for License Agents.

The enclosed letter provides you with the information you will need to consider and plan for as the project progresses. In addition, this letter requires that you respond to the survey and indicate if you wish to continue to be a license agent under the new ALDS. ***Please review the letter and be sure to response to the License Agent Survey at your earliest convenience, but no later than January 15, 2010.***

Return of Expired Inventory

The 2009 sport fishing items and 2009 deer and bear tag applications expire on January 1, 2010. Please complete the appropriate report form and return the expired inventory to the License and Revenue Branch by January 20, 2010. The deadline to receive credit for these items is June 30, 2010.

2009 Bear Season

The 2009 Bear Season may close before the end of the season. Although, the bear hunting season for 2009 is scheduled to end December 27, 2009, regulation requires the DFG to close the season early if the reported harvest reaches 1,700 bears prior to the seasons end. As of November 23, 2009, hunters had reported taking 1,295 black bears. Please display the enclosed flyer at your license sales counters informing customers that bear season may be closing early. Updated versions of the Attention Bear Tag Applicant flyers will be posted on our web site at: www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/pdffiles/fg1500b.pdf.

For daily updates on bear harvest, please call (888) 277-6398 or visit our web site at: www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/bear/harvest.html.

Bay-Delta Sport Fishing Enhancement Stamp Discontinued

As of January 1, 2010, anglers are no longer required to have a Bay-Delta Sport Fishing Enhancement Stamp affixed to their Sport Fishing License.

2010 Two-Day Sport Fishing License

The 2010 Two-Day Sport Fishing Licenses were printed on waterproof tyvek paper. Please use caution when removing a license from the license book.

2010 Sport Fishing Report Form

The 2010 Sport Fishing Report Form has a price error on the Arizona Colorado River Use Stamp. The price on the report form states \$3.00 instead of \$2.85. License Agents only have to remit \$2.85 per stamp that is sold. A correct fill and print version of the report form can be found on our web site at: www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/pdffiles/fg324f2010.pdf.

2010 Free Fishing Days

Free Fishing Days for 2010 are **July 4th and September 6th** (Labor Day). On Free Fishing Days, all regulations, such as seasons, bag limits and method of take restrictions apply. Anglers are not required to have a sport fishing license while fishing. However, all anglers are required to have the appropriate report cards in possession if they fish for salmon, abalone, steelhead, sturgeon, or spiny lobster. Please refer to the instruction for issuance on the sport fishing report card book covers for how to issue a report card without a sport fishing license.

Free and Reduced-Fee Sport Fishing Licenses

The DFG offers free and reduced-fee sport fishing licenses to persons who meet the criteria established in the Fish and Game Code. Reduced-fee fishing licenses are available to certain low-income seniors at least 65 years of age, and honorably-discharged veterans with a service-connected disability of at least 50 percent. Free sport fishing licenses are available to eligible persons who are blind; low-income American Indians; developmentally disabled persons; and residents who are so severely physically disabled that they are permanently unable to move from place to place without the use of a mobility-related device (wheelchair, walker, etc.) Proof of eligibility for all free and reduced-fee licenses is required. Applications and licenses are available only from DFG License Sales Offices. For more information visit our

web site at: www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/fishing/sportfishingfreereduced.html.

Proposed Regulatory Changes

The Fish and Game Commission is schedule to vote on the following proposals on December 10, 2009. If adopted, the new regulations will take effect on March 1, 2010.

“Wear Your License” Regulation Proposed To End

If adopted by the Fish and Game Commission, proposed regulations will end the requirement that anglers must display their sport fishing license above the waist while fishing. The sport fishing license will have to be in the anglers' possession while fishing.

Proposed Changes to Report Cards

The 2010 sport fishing report cards have the following minor changes:

- **Klamath-Trinity Report Card** - Card will be renamed as North Coast Salmon Report Card and will be required for anglers fishing the Smith River, as well as the Klamath-Trinity River System.
- **Sturgeon Report Card** – Anglers will be required to record the reward disk number on the report card if a reward disk is affixed to a caught sturgeon. (A reward disk is a small round tag with a monetary reward that is affixed to the fish by DFG.)
- **Steelhead Report Card** – Anglers will be required to record the number of hours fished for steelhead on their report cards.
- **Abalone Report Card** – Tags have been reconfigured for ease of use. Several location codes have been removed from the card because of Marine Life Protection Act area closures. Divers are advised to check the ocean sport fishing regulations in some areas for partial closures due to Marine Life Protection Act.
- **Spiny Lobster Report Card** – Some location codes have changed for 2010.

Sport Fishing Regulations

The 2010 Freshwater and Ocean Sport Fishing Regulations will be available on our web site at: www.dfg.ca.gov/regulations/ in February. Sport Fishing Regulation booklets will be distributed to License Agents in March.

Internet License Sales

The DFG's Internet Bridge Project (IBP) was successfully launched on May 26, 2009. For purposes of customer recognition, IBP has been renamed E-License. Customers now have the capability to purchase select sport fishing items online through our web site at: www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols/intro.html. License Agents should refer to the License Agent Manual for samples of the Internet licenses and for the sales restrictions that pertain to Internet documents. At this time, sport fishing report cards and hunting entitlements are not available for purchase online. 2010 sport fishing items, including the Colorado Special Use Stamp, will be available for purchase around December 1st.

Angler Survey Program

The DFG is asking all license agents to continue participating in the angler survey program.

On the inside front cover of every sport fishing license book, there is a pull tab with space to record the name and telephone number of one angler. Please ask anglers to volunteer for the survey by providing their name and telephone number. If the first angler declines to participate, please ask the next angler who purchases a license. If needed, continue asking anglers until you record a name and telephone number for each book. All completed pull tabs should be returned to the LRB on a monthly basis. Angler survey flyers are available on our web site at: www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/agents/agents.html.

The information collected is used to survey anglers and gather data that helps the DFG make fishery management decisions that affect California anglers, businesses, and communities.

For more information or if you have questions or suggestions about the angler survey, please contact Ms. Connie Ryan, at telephone (650) 631-2536 or email CRyan@dfg.ca.gov.

Important License Sales Reminders

Please remind license sales staff to read the instructions on the license book covers prior to issuing license items. License Agents are responsible for ensuring all licenses are sold and issued correctly. Questions regarding license requirements, issuing items, or reporting license sales should be directed to the DFG's License Agent Compliance Unit.

License Provisions

Anyone 16 years of age and older must have a sport fishing license to take any kind of fish, mollusk, invertebrate, amphibian or crustacean in California, except for persons angling from a public pier in ocean or bay waters. A sport fishing license is required to take reptiles, except for rattlesnakes.

Anyone 16 years or older fishing anywhere in Lake Tahoe or Topaz Lake must possess either a California sport fishing license or a Nevada sport fishing license. (Nevada also requires a trout stamp.)

Required Information Before a License Can be Issued

By law, you cannot issue a blank license. When issuing a sport fishing or hunting license, you must make sure the following information is completed at the time of issuance:

- Date Issued
- Name
- Residence Address
- Date of Birth
- Physical description

If the license is purchased for another person, you must write the licensee's name and residence address before issuing the license. The license is not valid until completed and signed by the licensee. (Sections 705 and 707, Title 14, California Code of Regulations).

Report Cards for Anglers Who Don't Need a License

All sport fishing report cards may be issued without a valid sport fishing license to the following:

- Children (under 16 years of age)
- People fishing on free fishing days
- Persons fishing from a public pier in ocean waters

Please refer to the instructions for issuance on the sport fishing report card book covers for how to issue a report card when a sport fishing license is not required.

Duplicate Licenses and Report Cards

Before a duplicate license can be issued, the customer must surrender the "Application for Duplicate License" they received with their original license purchase, and pay the duplicate license fee. The back of the "Application for Duplicate License" must be completed and attached to the duplicate license book. If the customer does not have the "Application for Duplicate License" they must purchase a license at full cost.

Duplicate Abalone and Sturgeon Fishing Report Cards can only be issued at a DFG License Sales Office.

Ordering License Items

License items can only be ordered through the LRB's License Agent Order Desk. License Agents must not obtain license items from any other agent (DFG license sales office or another License Agent).

Delivery of License Orders

The DFG uses Federal Express (FedEx) to ship license orders. The COD fee for FedEx is **\$9.00**. Please remember to make all checks and money orders payable to DFG, and include your agent account and order ID numbers.

Check your Shipments Carefully!

Please check all shipments for discrepancies (i.e. missing or defective books, extra books not listed on the shipping report, etc). If you have any discrepancies, notify the DFG's License Agent Compliance Unit within five business days of receipt. Claims for missing license items will only be considered if reported in writing within five business days of receipt.

Undelivered License Shipments

If you do not receive your shipments within 15 business days after an order was placed, contact the DFG's License Agent Compliance Unit immediately to report a lost shipment. Shipments reported lost after six months cannot be verified and no adjustments will be made to an agent's account.

Just a Reminder...

- ✓ Check your license inventory often and allow 15 business days for delivery of license orders.
- ✓ Remember to draw a solid blue line on each unsold license item that is being returned to the DFG.
- ✓ Fill and print report forms, fee posters, order forms, and other valuable information are available online at: www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/agents/agents.html.
- ✓ Walk-in business for License Agents including picking up license orders and dropping off sales reports is not available.
- ✓ Questions regarding your agent account should be directed to the DFG's License Agent Compliance Unit at telephone (916) 928-5978 or (916) 928-5979 or email agent@dfg.ca.gov.
- ✓ For information about other DFG programs or regulations, visit the DFG web site at: www.dfg.ca.gov.



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Sport Fishing Licenses

Valid January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010

A sport fishing license and the appropriate stamps are required for any person who is 16 years of age or older to take fish, mollusks, crustaceans, invertebrates, amphibians or reptiles in inland or ocean waters. See below for report card requirements.

ANNUAL LICENSES

Resident Sport Fishing License	\$41.50
<i>May be used by a resident for one calendar year</i>	
Nonresident Sport Fishing License	111.85
<i>May be used by a nonresident for one calendar year</i>	
Duplicate Sport Fishing License (Annual Licenses only)	9.20

SHORT-TERM LICENSES

One-Day Sport Fishing License	\$13.40
<i>May be used by a resident or nonresident for one day</i>	
Two-Day Sport Fishing License	20.75
<i>May be used by a resident or nonresident for two consecutive days</i>	
Ten-Day Nonresident Sport Fishing License	41.50
<i>May be used by a nonresident for ten consecutive days</i>	

STAMPS

Second-Rod Stamp	\$12.85
<i>Allows an angler to fish with two rods or lines in inland waters, except those waters in which only artificial lures or barbless hooks may be used</i>	
Ocean Enhancement Stamp	4.75
<i>Required for ocean fishing south of Point Arguello (Santa Barbara County) (Not required with a One or Two-Day Sport Fishing License)</i>	
Colorado River Stamp	3.00
<i>Required to fish from a boat or other floating device on the Colorado River or adjacent waters forming the California-Arizona border</i>	

REPORT CARDS

All anglers must have the appropriate report cards in possession while fishing; including those who are not required to have a sport fishing license, such as: anglers who are under 16 years of age, anglers who are fishing on free fishing days, and anglers who fish from a public pier in ocean waters.

Abalone Report Card	\$19.95
<i>Required for taking abalone from ocean waters between the center of the mouth of the San Francisco Bay and the California-Oregon border</i>	
North Coast Salmon Report Card	5.50
<i>Required for taking salmon in the Klamath-Trinity and Smith River Systems</i>	
Steelhead Report Card	6.30
<i>Required for taking steelhead in inland waters</i>	
Spiny Lobster Report Card	8.40
<i>Required for taking spiny lobster in California ocean waters</i>	
Sturgeon Fishing Report Card	FREE
<i>Required for taking sturgeon in any California waters</i>	

To Report Hunting, Fishing, or Pollution Violations Call 1-888-DFG-CALTIP (1-888-334-2258)

Your license purchase supports conservation and management of California's fisheries.

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